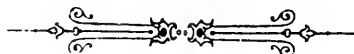


C I R C U L A R .



TO THE HEIRS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG, GREETING:

The undersigned Trustees of the Brigham Young Academy of Provo herewith respectfully represent to you the following concerning the present status of said Academy.

On the 27th of January, 1884, the Academy buildings were totally destroyed by fire, the cause being, as generally believed, the work of an incendiary. The furniture in the lower rooms, including the library and laboratory apparatus were all saved; that of the upper rooms was all destroyed, except an organ and the furniture of the "Ladies Work Department."

In the year 1882 President A. O. Smoot, with his own means, completed an addition to the original building, consisting of three commodious rooms, at an expense of about \$3,000, and during the present Academic year the Executive Committee made another addition of two large rooms at a cost of upwards of \$2,000, which were only occupied during one term previous to the fire. The improvements, with the addition of about \$1,000 worth of furniture made the Academy buildings suitably capacious to accommodate upwards of 400 pupils.

So far as the Trustees have been able to consult with the heirs of President Young, they have universally expressed an earnestness to immediately commence the erection of another Academy building



in Provo. But even this feeling is not confined to the heirs alone, for many persons in the Church, as well as many who are not members, have offered aid. Subscription lists are now being circulated throughout the various counties represented in the Academy.

The fire having occurred on the night previous to the commencement of the third term of the eighth academie year, the Board immediately secured rooms and on the following day the school opened on its third term.

We have also to report that the hand of death has taken three members of the Board of Trustees of the Brigham Young Academy, viz: Martha Jane Coray, Wm. Bringhamurst and L. E. Harrington, leaving only a majority of one in the Board to transact business. We beg therefore to call your attention to the provisions of the deed of trust relative to filling vacancies in the Board, as follows:

The said Trustees shall hold their office as such during the will of the party of the first part, his heirs or assigns; and, in case of the death, resignation or removal of either or all of said Trustees, then the said party of the first part, his heirs or assigns, shall fill the vacancy so made, and the Trustee, or Trustees, so appointed, shall, on receiving such appointment, be vested with all the rights, title and authority that were used, had or enjoyed by his or their predecessors in such trust.

The difficulty of obtaining an expression or unanimity of action, during the scattered condition of the heirs, suggests to all concerned the importance of placing the visitorial or appointing power to fill vacancies in the Board, in some local Church authorities in order to more effectually perpetuate the Brigham Young Academy.

Most respectfully, we remain,

A. O. SMOOT,

W. H. DUSENBERRY,

H. H. CLUFF,

M. TANNER.

TRUSTEES OF THE BRIGHAM YOUNG ACADEMY.

PROVO CITY, UTAH, February 16, 1884.

A.O. Smoot & others

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